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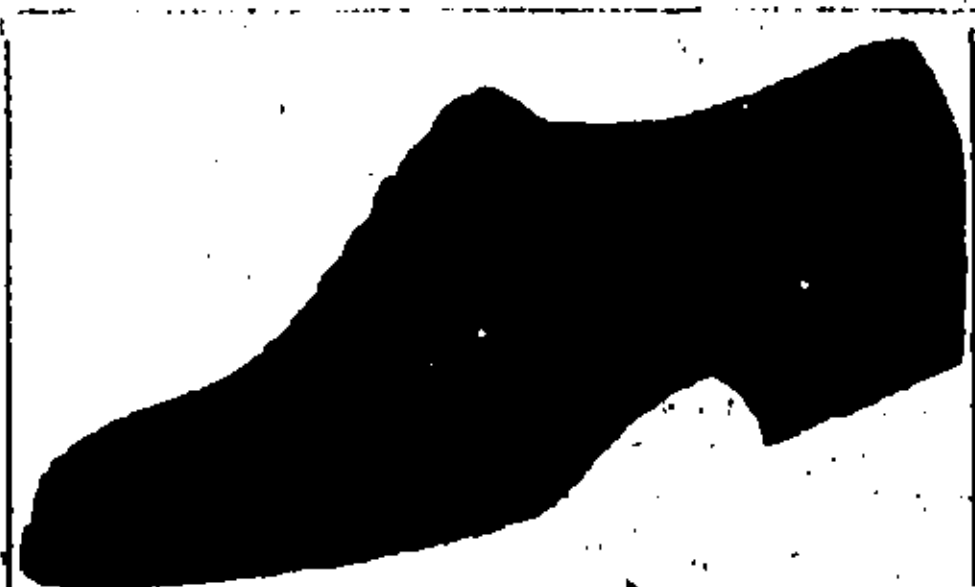
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ELECTION EVE.

ALL PARTIES CONFIDENT.

MORE DISGRACEFUL ROWDYISM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 5.
The eve of polling day finds all parties confident of improving their positions. An official of the Conservative headquarters declared that given fine weather to-morrow, the Conservatives hoped not only to maintain their majority but even to increase it. It is stated at Liberal headquarters that the canvass has been very encouraging. Great Liberal enthusiasm is reported throughout the country. An official declined to make a forecast but declared that if the promises made them were fulfilled everybody would be in for a big surprise. Labour headquarters are confident that they will increase the party's representation in Parliament. An official declared that there would certainly be 171 Labourites returned and probably more and Labour would still be His Majesty's opposition. As regards weather, rain and sleet is the forecast. It is believed that this will lessen the Tory poll while not affecting the Labour vote to the same extent.

LLOYD GEORGE'S LAST WORD TO LONDON.

LONDON, December 5.
Mr. Lloyd George, who to-day wound up the Liberal campaign in London by a great meeting at Camberwell in support of the Rt. Hon. Mr. T. J. Macnamara and other Liberal candidates in South London and subsequently proceeded to speak at Brighton, sent a message to London electors declaring that London, the greatest city in the world, was endangered. "She lives by trade as no other city in the world lives thereby and if trade is to grow, it must be free." He said that tariffs would deal a deadly blow at the work and wages of the citizens of London.

LADIES BADLY INJURED.

LONDON, December 5.
Further election rowdiness was reported to-day. The Conservative candidate for Newport (Monmouth), Mr. R. J. Clarry, and his wife were surrounded by a hostile crowd in the docks district last night. Stones and mud were thrown. Mrs. Clarry, who was struck with mud and kicked in the leg, is unable to leave her hotel to-day. Lady Eastace Percy was badly injured last night after a meeting at Hastings in support of her husband. A crowd of rowdies in the hall interrupted Lord Eastace Percy's speech and a broken cup was thrown at the platform, narrowly missing the Chairman's face and striking Lady Eastace Percy on the side. After the meeting, a dense crowd surrounded Lord Eastace Percy's car and in the confusion Lady Eastace Percy's right arm was jammed in the door of the car and badly bruised. The crowd jeered and shouted as the car drove off.

SHIPPING QUESTION.

The Marquis of Liffithgow, in a speech at Wallsend, said Mr. Baldwin's idea of calling a conference of representatives of shipping was to consider the question that if foreigners did not allow their goods to be carried on British ships we should not allow British goods to be carried on foreign ships.

BIG WAGES.

ENGLAND'S POSITION.

LONDON, December 5.
Mr. Lloyd George at Brighton, said he was prepared to work as he had worked before, with anyone whom he thought was doing his best to serve the country's interest. There was no country in Europe which paid such high wages as England was doing. The only other country which approached anywhere near England in this respect was Holland which was a Free Trade Country.

SUN'S TROOPS LOSE.

WAR IN SOUTH KWANGTUNG.

CRUISERS MAY GO TO KONGMOON.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, December 5.
It is rumoured here that Sun Yat-sen's fleet (the Northern Cruiser Squadron) may come to Kongmoon to assist in operations against his enemies who have of late been active in the south of the province and have driven his troops out of the Ko-Lai peninsula. The anti-Sun vanguards are reported to be as near as Yungping city and Yung-kong and considerable alarm is felt.

Of Sun's commanders in the south, Lam She-nai, the Ko Chow military commissioner has arrived. General Wong Ming-tong's defeated troops have also come in by rail from Kwonghol and Tan Shan. They are both reported as having gone to interview Sun on one of Chan Chak's gunboats. Trading junk-ferries have cancelled their sailing for southern ports. Advice from the front is that only Leung Heng-kai's troops are making a stand, having retreated into the Sunning district for the purpose. Another report is that an anti-Sun detachment has arrived at Chee Hon.

Sai Wai city has been under martial law for some time past. In Cheuk-man, the Hwangshan stormy petrel, has been permitted to retain his post as district magistrate. Chow Chi-ching, the Shuntai magistrate, has been ordered to concentrate his troops at the Bocca Tigris Ports to guard the entrance to the Canton River. Popular opinion in the tobacco and tea producing district of Hok Shan is incensed against a recent order from Canton that the district magistrate, Li Yeh-ngok, must give up his post. He is considered the best of all local rulers and all tobacco merchants have closed their doors as a protest against the order.

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QUAKE INSURANCE.

JAPAN GOVERNMENT'S HELP.

TOKYO, December 6.
The text of the proposed Fire Insurance Subsidy Bill has been published, accompanied by a statement by the Minister for Agriculture and Commerce to the effect that the Government is prepared to extend the same assistance to foreign insurance companies should they adopt the policy of payment of ten per cent of claims for compensation. The Government's advance is expected to reach a hundred and fifty or a hundred and sixty million yen. Reuter.

GERMANY.

FLOTATION OF LOAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, December 5.
It is understood the German proposals that the Reparations Commission should authorise the flotation of a loan to cover the purchases of foodstuffs are assured of support in the United States to the extent of the authorisation being given. The American Observer announces the willingness of the United States that priority should be extended to such loan and it is expected that the Germans will request a loan of \$70,000,000, half of which would be offered to American investors. The official attitude at Washington inclines to the belief that the situation in Germany requires emergency action to prevent widespread famine.

U.S. CONGRESS.

DEADLOCK NOW ENDED.

WASHINGTON, December 5.
An armistice between the political groups was arranged at a conference in the evening whereby Congress, with Mr. Gillett presiding, will be organised on December 5, thus clearing the way for President Coolidge to deliver a message on December 6. Mr. Gillett has been re-elected speaker of the House of Representatives—thus the deadlock has ended. President Coolidge's message will be delivered at a joint session of the Senate and at the house at noon on December 6.

GERMAN CHAOS.

ANOTHER DISSOLUTION LIKELY.

BERLIN, December 5.
Herr Marx has announced that the Government is at present unable to dispense with the military state of emergency to which he attributed the state of peace prevailing throughout the country. An Emergency Powers Bill will be discussed to-morrow. It will be opposed by the Socialists and probably the Nationalists and as a two-thirds majority of the Reichstag is necessary to pass the Bill, a dissolution is likely to follow.

VARISITY RUGGER.

OXFORD'S COLONIAL RECRUITS.

LONDON, December 5.
The Oxford Rugby team to meet Cambridge at Twickenham on December 11, has been definitely selected. The Colonies are strongly represented by four South Africans, two Australians and a Pennsylvanian, A. C. Valentine, all of whom are Rhodes scholars.

EMPIRE ZINC COMBINATION.

BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN-BURMAN ENTERPRISE.

LONDON, December 5.
An interesting forthcoming issue is a million and a half sterling in debentures which marks the completion of several years' negotiations for the formation of an Empire zinc combination wherein it is understood British, Australian and Burman interests will be closely identified.

GERMAN RIOTS.

UNEMPLOYED DESPERATE.

BERLIN, December 5.
Dissatisfied with relief allowance, the unemployed, reinforced by Colliers, attempted to storm the Town Hall at Wanne. They stoned and fired revolvers at the police who returned the fire. Seven of the attackers were killed and 30 wounded. French troops restored order.

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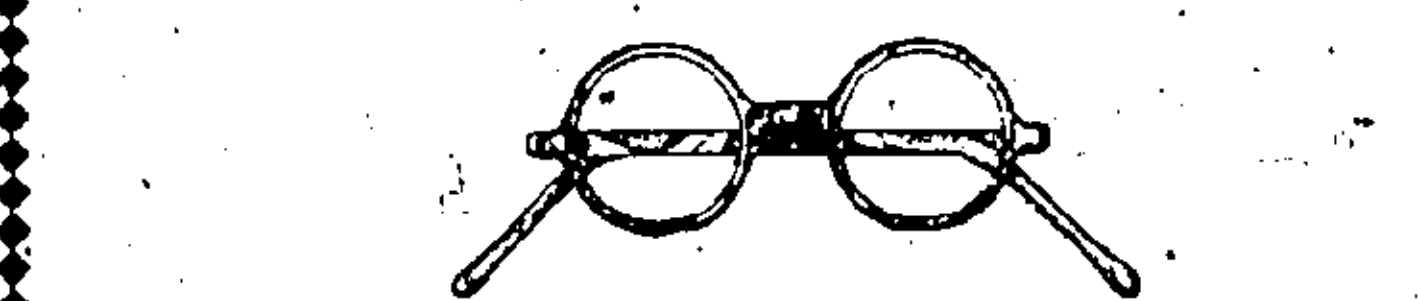
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HONGKONG THURSDAY, Dec. 6, 1923.

MONROE.

The fact that the centenary of the Monroe doctrine has been allowed to pass unobserved by the American community in the Colony, seems a little startling. Perhaps they take their politics and national observances, as do other sojourners in this place, in large doses from home papers, and are content to read about them and observe what others say and do concerning them. It may be that the Monroe Doctrine is now such an accepted fact in American political life that there is no need to emphasize its benefits anew, and to gild or paint a national lily. Like a coy lover—adamant lover is perhaps the better phrase, America has been deaf to all the blandishments showered upon her, and all the entreaties made to her to enter the field of World, or European politics and conflicts; to take her part in them; and help right the world's wrongs. It is now an accepted fact that her deliberate intention to refrain from membership of the League of Nations, the result of the advocacy of one of America's presidents, is the cause of not a little weakness in that practical evidence of the outcome of a visionary dream. A chain is as strong as its weakest link, and until

the weak link of the League is remedied by the inclusion of America in the Councils of the League, the work of the League must necessarily suffer. The plain man may be pardoned if he fails to understand the strict adherence of our American cousins to the letter and law of this Monroe doctrine. The nations of the earth are worth tending with; their ideas of art and literature are copied, idolized even, but the nations which have produced them are no concern to the United States. Mr. Secretary Hughes has thrown much needed light on the question in his statesman-like address at a centenary meeting. His policies he said had harmonized with other policies of the nation, including the open door and the integrity of China and the Far East. The United States emerged from the War with the same aims as those with which they entered the conflict. Though victors, they had not sought territory or general reparations. They desired to see France prosperous and secure, with her wounds healed and her just demands satisfied; Germany united and prosperous; war, Mr. Hughes said, making amends to the full extent of her power. They wished to see the fires of hatred quenched. There were other points of interest in this wholly sensible, clear and concise statement of the American position, which are beyond all praise. It is possible to agree with many of these

eloquent and doubtless sincere statements, and to agree that a Nation is entitled if she so decrees to resist alliances and to commit itself in advance to unknown contingencies and to reserve to itself the judgment to act as a sense of duty permitted, which is America's position to-day. But it may be permitted to question what to others seems a blind sense of justice, to refrain from participating in problems that concern the whole world; to heal the wounds which even America possesses. There are great moral questions bound up with those which are political; and moral questions have no boundaries. The world of to-day is steadily revealing itself to be a world of identical moral interests. These are brave words; they are true words; their truth cannot be ignored. They are not our words but the words of a distinguished American citizen—Bishop Brent, uttered before the Advisory Committee on Opium of the League of Nations. We would commend them to the attention of the American people as an antidote to a doctrine which lends itself to a splendid isolation—the unmoral isolation which looks on and does nothing.

slowly; only men in
EAT rags.
And gluttons old in Sin.
Mistake themselves for carpet
bags.
And tumble victuals in.

We have not so many
CLOCKS, of these on view, that
we can afford to miss
one of them. Queen's Road had
one outside Sennet Freres' Store
and with the removal of this old
established firm the clock has gone.
It is remarkable how eyes instinctively
turn to familiar sights, and
when they are sights which
help, our sense of loss when
they are gone, is more or less
poignant. How often we have
turned eyes to the spot where the
clock once was, we know not. But
it is good to know that it still exists
(or perhaps it is a new one) and
that it will prove a boon to the
thousands who long for guidance
in correct time, and who will pass
by each day and search its face for
the silent truth. The clock is now
hung outside the store in Pedder
St. and adds to the appearance of
it, and confers a boon and a benefit
for which we cannot be too grate-
ful. Tempus fugit, and clocks re-
mind us of this unalterable fact.

"There's a man
outside, sir, that
wants to see you
about a bill you
owe him. He wouldn't give his
name."
"What does he look like?"
"Well, he looks like you'd better
pay it."

Here lies the
AUTO-MANIA body of Jim Lake,
Tread softly all
who pass;
He thought his foot was on the
brake,
But it was on the gas.

At sixty miles
Drove Willie Schidder;
He lost control
His wife's a widder.

Here lies what's left
Of Henry Glenn;
Match in gas tank—
Up went Hen.

Bill Turpin sneered
At careful folk;
He hasn't sneered
Since his axle broke.

Ben Higgins never would be
passed,
He bragged his car's endur-
ance.

He passed six cars with back-
ward glance—
His wife has his insurance.

Emma: "All these new-
R.U.R. fangled things are an
offence to the Lord. It's
downright wickedness. Wanting
to improve the world after He has
made it."

"Like attracts
like" is a saying
as old as the hills,
yet how few realize what potent
agencies for good or ill are wrapped
up in that phrase. We sometimes
wonder why certain things trans-
pire in our own daily life, why
certain events come upon us. The
reason is here in this well-worn
phrase, and we shall do well to pay
special attention to it in our study
of the law of mind control. It is an
axiom that "an evil tree cannot
bring forth good fruit," how then
can we expect to give the best
things of life, unless we prepare
the mental conditions for their
reception? Like creates like,
and if we would achieve certain
results we must put ourselves
in an attitude of mind, or
change of location, or environ-
ment into direct harmony with the
things we most desire. The very
law of cause and effect, made a
witness of this eternal truth, and to

observe it is to succeed—to neglect
it is to fail. There is a subtle
magnetism of thought like that in
the magnetism of ore. The secret
of the many so-called occult
sciences lies here and has been
known to initiates and adepts in
all ages. Miserable thoughts held
long enough in the mind bring
about misery; and universal joyous
thoughts bring joy in their train.
The mind works automatically in
this manner, and we may say that
the secret of personality is to be
found here also. Kindred minds
best associate because of the fact
that our thoughts possess, as it
were, a kind of social instinct, a
bias towards communal existence.
This fact is so important that it
cannot be impressed upon the
student too much. Thought-power
is made negative or unutilized
when we enter an uncongenial
atmosphere. Our thoughts cannot
breathe, and fall to come to birth
in words and deeds. For activity of
mind and energy of thought we
should seek to live in a magnetic
field similar to our own. This prime
factor alone can bring about harmo-
nious thought-vibrations lead-
ing to power and concentration.
Should we, however, find it more
or less impossible to escape from
the meshes of an environment
foreign to our impulses and
springs of conduct, we can only
find relief in adaptation to con-
ditions. Here again, the will alone
can save us from both ourselves
and circumstances. The "I will"
of the trained mind is an almost
irresistible power. Self reliance
based upon self-knowledge will
eventuate in self-control and com-
parative happiness. This stoic
quiet of the mind is the one great
power to keep the wavering mind
aloft in all times of stress, worry,
and care.

We are indebted to our
MY friends of the *Japan
Chronicle* for the following:
A Chicago court recently granted
a divorce on novel grounds. The
plaintiff stated that he was married
in 1898 and lived with his wife till
1909, during which time she never
took a bath, "and I couldn't make
her." That's plenty of testimony,"
said the Judge, "You get a divorce."

Attention has
again been drawn
to the question of
women's dress
by recent Vatican decrees, and the
question arises as to whether a
woman's character is to be judged
by her dress—or lack of it. A well-
known artist says it is impossible
to do so and that it is equally
erroneous to judge of the
morality of a period by its fashions.
France for instance, was the most
licentious when the vogue consist-
ed of the most demure Shepher-
dess costume. Modern dress is
said to be completely barbarous.

Women no longer rely on their
own taste and have neither the
intelligence nor the energy to be
original, but are content to accept
the tyranny of fashion without con-
sidering whether or not it makes
them look foolish. This is very
startling, more so, perhaps, than
any other truth. Smartness and
flashiness are the products of the
age. But the bills are the same.

The wise man was
right a thousand
times over when he
said: After I have worked at
something I always regret the
beautiful wasted time.

Of course it is
true that the
average profes-
sional and
business man is almost totally un-
intellectual, but is not the average
woman equally so? Listen to a
group of educated, intelligent
women talking. Can anything be
more abysmal than that brand of
conversation? To be sure, a similar
group of men scarcely speaks at
all, but buries its collective nose in
the newspaper, or, if it does con-
verse, discusses passing events.
From *The Secret of Woman* by
Helen Jerome.

"I have a ren-
dezvous with life."
We are all keep-
ing—each in his own fashion—a
rendezvous with life. We
are, as it were, pledged
to keep an appointment which
haunts us with the hope of
it, and draws us by the promise of
it. It is always sending us down
some road or other at the end of
which there awaits us what we are
endlessly seeking, and may be,
always missing, but without which
our days are empty and life itself
only a frame without a picture.
It is one of the contradictions of
life that what we do blurs us to
the meaning of what we do. The
forces which impel us are strange
to us who obey them, but through
all the interplay of interest and
occupation there is this deeper
thing—the passion of life, striving
to fulfil itself. The sailor putting
his ship out to sea, the farmer
turning his furrow, the explorer
setting out for the arctic regions,
the mountaineer climbing the
Matterhorn or Mount Everest, are
keeping their rendezvous with life,
and Alan Seeger and his comrades
would have kept no rendezvous
with death had they not with the
disinterestedness known that only in
keeping faith with death could they
keep faith with life. The poet
in his song, the musician in his

rapture, the lover in his quest, are
all seeking the same thing—they,
too, would keep their rendezvous
with life. Where is that true
hiding-place of that fullness which
we seek? What roads most lead,
what roads are sure and true? This
is life's master question. We do
not keep our rendezvous with life
in the mere possession of things.
Things have their varying value,
and a man would be either a fool
or a hypocrite to underestimate
them. They are at their best the
fashioning of dreams or ends into
a corporate faith. A civilization
may be very justly tested by the
quality of its things. Finely tem-
pered tools, beautiful fabrics,
houses nobly built and furnished,
are incarnations of capacity, dis-
cipline, aspiration. More than that,
things of the soul. We cannot live
in a vacuum. There are inescap-
able relationships between posses-
sion and personality. Not a little
of our sense of life gathers around
and grows out of that which be-
longs to us.

Any man would
rather gaze upon a
beautiful woman
than listen to an ugly one, just as
any woman would rather be in love
with a man than respect him.

Twice-Published Tales.

Now and again the bookish sigh
for a return to those artless days
before the domination of the maga-
zines, to that almost mythical time
when they might have opened a
newly published book with at least
a decent assurance that they were
turning virgin soil. To-day the
thing is virtually impossible, be-
cause of the vast amount of material
which is made to run the gamut of
serialisation, republication in book
form, adaptation to the motion pic-
ture screen, perhaps even dramati-
sation. Over and over we encounter
the same story, clothed perhaps in
slightly different garb. Do we
embark upon the reading of Mrs.
Edith Wharton's latest novel, it is
like to discover with a wry smile
that we read the second and the
tenth chapters in a Maga-
zine; do we anticipate the glowing
adventure of a new romance by Mr.
Joseph Conrad, it is only to be re-
minded that our delight has already
been tasted by the readers of say
Good Housekeeping. Scores of
authors, of great and slight impor-
tance, welcome as a matter of course
the habit of forcing their work to
pay for itself several times over.

Especially with regard to those
essays whose work appears in the
daily and weekly papers we enter-
tain an uneasy sense that the trick
is being played with suspicious
cleverness. True, one newspaper
reaches a comparatively limited
circle of readers and is short-lived;
while stuff of real importance de-
serves a better fate than to be used
to light a wood fire on a chilly
evening. On the other hand,
obviously much of this material
should be taken in small doses, and
such of it as falls upon too intimate
an acquaintance scarcely warrants
preservation between boards.

Yet this is not a matter upon
which we can make sweeping de-
nunciations; for, just as soon as we
do, we are confronted, for example,
by such a series of biographical
sketches as those who Mr. Lytton
has been contributing each month
to the *Nation* and *Athenaeum*, un-
questionably of a quality which
demands a second reading. The
same might be said for the articles
of Mr. Philip Guedalla, Mr. Aldous
Huxley, Mr. J. C. Squire, and so
on through a long list. Much choice
material would have been lost to
posterity but for this practice of
collecting random essays and mak-
ing them into a book. But the
question does present itself: What
will be the future of the essay if, in
so many cases, it is written for the
magazine-reading public? An essay
should be a thing of delicate savour,
to be read leisurely, and its lovers
may doubt sincerely whether it is a
medium suited to two audiences.

To-day's Poem.

(The Beautiful Land of Dreams.)
Come away, children, come away
To the Beautiful Land of Dreams;
Away from a world of dingy gray
To the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
Where the rainbow tints of Morn-
ing stand,
And laughter and love go hand-
in-hand
In that intimate exquisite mist-veil-
ed Land
The Beautiful Land of Dreams.

The sunning streams from a cloud-
less blue
In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
There are myriad flowers of every
hue
In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
The star-strewn heavens gleam and
glow,
And the red moon rises round and
glows
From the sea whence the scented
south winds blow.
In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
Do you want to know more?
There is room for neither day nor
night
In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
And now to bed, but only if you
have

In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
For the broken-hearted may cease
to weep,
And the weary and heavy-laden
creep
To rest in the Garden that men call
Sleep.
In the Beautiful Land of Dreams:
—R. P. THURSFIELD.
Hongkong, 1915.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 6.
1710. Congreve and Delaval have at
last prevailed on Sir Godfrey
Kneller to interest me to let
him draw my picture for
nothing; but I know not yet
when I shall sit. It is such
monstrous rainy weather that
there is no doing with it.
—Swift.

THE TWO-FOLD WONDER.

From without no wonderful effect
is wrought within ourselves, unless
some interior, responding wonder
meets it. That the stary vault
should surcharge the heart with all
rapturous marvellings, is only be-
cause we ourselves are greater
miracles and supererogatories than
all the stars in universal space.
Wonder interlocks with wonder;
and then the confounding feeling
comes.
—HERMAN MELVILLE.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 6.—Coronet Theatre:
"Orphans of the Storm."
December 6.—Star Theatre:
Italian Grand Opera Co., in
"Madame Butterfly."
December 6.—World Theatre:
"Through a Glass Window."
December 6.—The Grand
Theatre: Mary Pickford in
"Through the Back Door."
December 8-10-12-15.—Theatre
Royal, Hongkong Amateur
Dramatic Club presents the famous
Robot Play the "R.U.R." 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

December 6.—Tea-dance at
Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
December 10.—Social evening
and entertainment in St. Andrew's
Church Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
December 10.—18.—Hongkong
Philharmonic Society, Grand Con-
cert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

BAZAAR.

December 8.—Hongkong Women's
Guild and M. C. L.'s Grand
Fete and sale of work in the
grounds of Government House,
2 p.m.

LAND SALES.

December 10.—At P. W. D.
offices, five lots of Crown land, 3
p.m.

AUCTION.

December 7.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, valuable leasehold
property at Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.
December 8.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, suit lengths, rain
coats, etc., 11 a.m.

December 10.—Lammert Bros., at
Sales Rooms, Chinese silk
embroidered and grass cloth goods,
2.30 p.m.

December 12.—Lammert Bros., a
large selection of toys, at Sales
Rooms, 2.30 p.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros.,
property, machinery, plant and
tanning chemicals of the Hong-
kong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd.,
at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

MEETING.

December 10.—Queen's College
Old Boys' Asscn. meeting in the
College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

December 12.—Hongkong
Jockey Club, half-yearly general
meeting, in the Board Room of
Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.,
Ltd., 5 p.m.; extraordinary general
meeting, 5.15 p.m.

December 18 and January 4.—
Extraordinary general meeting of
the Kowloon Land and Building
Company, Limited, at 5, Queen's
Road Central, Noon.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary
meeting of the China Light Power
Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's
Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

R. U. R.

BROADCASTING MESSAGE.

The following was broadcasted,
9 p.m. on December 4, from the
Kowloon Hotel, and picked up by
the "President Jackson" between
400 and 450 miles out before
reaching Manila.
ROSSUM'S UNIVERSAL ROBOTS CO.
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further direct.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is a
5.39 p.m.
Exchange on London is 2/3 3/4;
on Shanghai 69 3/4.

The "Brammar Castle" is ex-
pected to sail at 4 p.m., to-morrow.

Commercial Notes in this issue
of the *China Mail* give flour, sugar
and rice quotations, and the result
of the past year's working of the
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

Inspector Woodruff commenced
duties as an Inspector of the
S. P. C. A., on November 15. The
report of Inspectors Fisher and
Woodruff will be found in this issue
of the *China Mail*.

A cheery letter from the late
Traffic Inspector, Mr. H. Garrod,
indicates he is enjoying his retire-
ment at Portsmouth and is in good
health. He still maintains a corner
in his heart for Hongkong and has
been intensely interested to read
of local happenings and visitations,
—typhoons, floods, etc.

At the Helena May Institute,
yesterday afternoon, the Police
Branch of the Ministering
Children's League arranged a
display of the work done during
the year for next Saturday's bazaar.
The Branch has specialised this
time on knitted wool-work and a
number of beautiful articles were
on view. In addition to the usual
raffles there is one for mere
man, the articles to be won
consisting of a cardigan jacket,
socks and golf hose. Tickets for
the raffles are still available.

The following appears in
Command orders No. 146 issued
to-day, and has reference to the
2/55 Coke's Rifles (F.F.) The
General Officer Commanding much
regrets that this fine Battalion is
now leaving his Command. As a
fighting unit he had every confi-
dence in them. In this Command
they have well maintained their
discipline, the credit of the Army,
and the prestige of Coke's Rifles.
In saying farewell, the General
Officer Commanding wishes the
British and Indian Officers and all
Other ranks every success in the
future.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The dance arranged for Saturday
next at the Peak Club has been
postponed till Saturday the 15th.
Inst.

Health returns for the 24 hours
ended the 5th inst., show 18 cases
of small-pox, and five of enteric
fever—all Chinese.

Lady Jellicoe was a guest at the
Caledonian Ball at Shanghai, and
was taken in to supper by the Pre-
sident (Mr. C. H. Rutherford).

Chinese are dissatisfied with
the Government's proposed changes
in its building laws. The
matter is dealt with in this issue of
the *China Mail*.

There will be the usual Saturday
night dance at the Palace Hotel
this week. The popular band of
H.M.S. "Despatch" will play. The
dance commences at 9.15 p.m.

Forthcoming marriages are an-
nounced of Mr. Egbert Anthony
Lees, to Miss Dorothy Emily
Curry; Mr. Brian Edwin Bidwell,
to Margaretta Henrietta Reinhold,
Mr. L. G. d'Oliveira Sorrozola, to
Miss Zilda Maria Xavier.

Mr. L. H. King has arrived in
Hongkong as Government expert in
wireless telephony and radio. Mr.
King has come from Tanganyika
(formerly German East Africa) and
is already at work here. His rank is
the same as an Executive En-
gineer in the Public Works Depart-
ment. He will eventually advise
the Government on questions of
wave lengths, interferences, and
other matters. One of the subjects to
come up for consideration is to be
the equipment of lighthouses, police
stations, and police launches with
wireless telephony apparatus.

STAR TO-NIGHT.

"MADAM BUTTERFLY."

Booking is very brisk for the
Italian Opera Company in "Madam
Butterfly" to-night. Of course, the
opera is exceedingly well known,
and contains music more of the
ballad order than do many of the
others.
—Mlle. Ambrose will sing the
chief role.

Signor Artino who will play
"Otello" on Sunday next, is well
known on concert stages in Eng-
land and the Continent. He com-
bines magnificent singing with no
mean dramatic ability, and Home
critics and many very favourable
things about his performance in this
opera.
—Mr. Stummel and Mlle. Am-
brose also have strong roles in
"Otello," which is a strongly
dramatic in theme and story.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

All parties are again confident of success in the general election.

Another dissolution is likely to take place of the German Reichstag.

An Empire Zinc combination has been formed with an issue of £1,500,000 in debentures.

German proposals aim at the flotation of a loan in America to cover purchases of foodstuffs.

The ringleader of the gang who murdered Major H. C. Finnis in Baluchistan, has been captured.

Dissatisfied unemployed in Germany have been voting. Seven killed, and 30 wounded.

The Oxford Rugby team to meet Cambridge has been selected. The Colonies are strongly represented in it.

Mr. Gillett has been re-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, thus the deadlock between opposing political parties at Washington is ended.

The Japanese Government is prepared to extend assistance to foreign Insurance Companies should they adopt the policy of payment of 10% of claims for compensation.

Regrettable scenes of rowdiness have marked the election meetings. Several candidates have been injured, and ladies have also been numbered amongst those necessitating medical attention.

Mr. Baldwin in a manifesto to his fellow countrymen and women appeals for support in his fight against unemployment. "I ask this for your own sake and for the sake of the rising generation."

CORRESPONDENCE.

RUGGER RAGGINGS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)
Sir—Your issue of Wednesday published a letter under the heading "Rugger Raggings" and signed "A Player" accusing "Scrimmage" of rudeness when writing his criticisms.

I think I have read each and all of the notes under the foregoing heading and fail to see where the justification for this accusation comes in. It is true that "Scrimmage" has not hesitated to expose the weaknesses of the sides competing but even then it appears to me that he has carefully avoided publicly "ragging" individuals on several occasions when I myself would have found it difficult to exercise such restraint.

I should like to suggest that any of the players are incensed by a guilty conscience in connection with the gentle rallying of "Scrimmage" as regards winging forwards, etc., as my experience is that Rugger players in general are only too pleased to read sound criticism.

It is possible that the notes on the Army's slowness were a little too much to the point for the people at whom they were directed but in my opinion if they succeed in making the Army side get a move on they were justified.

In conclusion I would like to thank "Scrimmage" for his intelligent appreciation of Rugger in Hongkong and beg him to continue in the same strain as he has heretofore.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your kind indulgence.

I am,
Yours, etc.,
SPECTATOR.

Hongkong, December 6.

THE CORONET.

AN INTERESTING BOOKING.

"Orphans of the Storm" winds up at the Coronet to-day, and will be followed to-morrow by a short "revival" of "Way Down East" from Friday to Sunday.

To bring back a film is quite an innovation, in which the Coronet management are following the lead of the big cinemas in London and New York. There, the film has been brought back as a result of the continued expressions of its popularity with the general public.

It will be interesting to compare the two Griffith films, which, of course, are markedly different in story and treatment.

The Griffith touch, and the genius of Lillian Gish are apparent in both films, whilst the final act of "Way Down East" has been talked about ever since its first showing on the screen.

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BUILDING BILL.

CHINESE DISSATISFIED.

MEETING TO BE HELD AT CHINESE CHAMBER.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed by Chinese house owners at the proposed new building ordinance, details of which were announced in last Saturday's "Gazette."

Briefly the position is this. At present, one third of the area of a plot of land has to be left for open spaces, this, it is said, including the scavenging lane at the back. The proposal, according to Chinese property-owners, is that in future, half of the area will have to be allocated to the open back space in addition to a cutting off of about six feet for the scavenging lane.

Seen this afternoon, a Chinese gentleman explained his point of view. To illustrate his grievance, he pointed to a house built about fifteen years ago, with a street frontage of about 16 feet. The depth of the land he said was 30 feet. As it stands now the house has about 17 feet for the open space. But if the house was to be pulled down and a new one erected in its place, he said about six feet would be deducted for the scavenging lane at the back, leaving 44 feet. Half of this would be allotted to the open space, leaving 22 feet. The kitchen, occupying about 6 or 7 feet would stand at an angle to the house itself, leaving not more than 18 feet for the house proper.

The interviewee referred to several blocks of Chinese tenements and houses which are now fairly old and will have to be demolished in the near future. These were blocks in Fat Hing Street and Queen's Road West below Possession Street. Another instance of blocks, lying back to back, were at Jervois Street and Queen's Road Central beyond the old Fire Station. These houses only have a depth of about 30 feet and under the new ordinance would have hardly any room for the house or shop itself. After taking away a few feet for the scavenging lane and the back space there would only be about 12 feet left under a roof of tiles. Here the gentleman pointed out the difficulty of putting in stairways to the upper floors, while dividing a floor into an office and sleeping room would, he said be almost impossible.

Asked to state where the alleged hardship was, he said that when the Chinese first bought this land, there was no rule that demanded such a big proportion for open spaces and that when the time came for the houses to be rebuilt the owners would have their actual living area reduced. He said there would be no dissatisfaction over "new" land as the purchasers would know the conditions. Also in less crowded districts, the house would be deeper and it would be easy to allocate a large proportion for open spaces.

The reporter was then informed that as a consequence of the Bill, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has called a general meeting for Tuesday afternoon, when the details would be discussed.

Another matter which would come up at the meeting would be the report issued by the Housing Commission.

To-morrow we hope to give the other views of this question.

SERIOUS THEFTS.

GOVERNMENT ROBBED.

Discovery by Mr. W. Shaw, an overseer of the Public Works Department, of a theft of Government property at Morrison Hill which is being gradually cut away for the East Point reclamation, led to enquiries being made in the Wanchai district yesterday with the result that three Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, two with larceny and the third with receiving stolen property.

A number of Government houses are being pulled down at Morrison Hill and Mr. Shaw saw the first defendant wrenching away the brass hinges from a jalousie in No. 5. The police later discovered a large lot of fittings, locks, etc. all torn away and ready to be removed. Nos. 2 and 3 defendants were arrested later on information.

The charge against the third defendant was withdrawn this morning. The second defendant was put back until to-morrow morning for medical examination and the first defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour after Mr. Shaw had given evidence and Mr. Sara, also of the P.W.D., had made a statement.

Do You Dream the Night?

Coughs and colds always seem to grow worse at nightfall and crop cases of influenza at night. Avoid an uneasy, restless, sleepless night by taking in the house at bedtime Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is the best remedy for all coughs and croup.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

TODD—BAKER.

The wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday, of Mr. F. C. Todd, and Miss Isabel Baker. The bridegroom is on the Staff of Messrs A. S. Watson and Company. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. G. K. Lindsay, and was attended by many friends.

The bride wore a charming costume of white embroidered silk with a veil of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Phyllis Cossart acted as bridesmaid, wearing a dress of pale mauve georgette and carrying a bouquet of mauve sweet peas. Captain G. A. Clements, R.C.A., gave the bride away. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. R. Hutchison as best man. Mr. Fieldgate presided at the organ.

The reception was held at No. 1 Humphrey's Building, the residence of Captain and Mrs. Clements. Mr. and Mrs. Todd will spend their honeymoon in Canton and Macao.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PEAK CLUB.

OWING to unavoidable circumstances, the DANCE arranged for SATURDAY, 8th instant has been postponed till SATURDAY, 15th inst.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th December, 1923.

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WALTER J. HAWKER,
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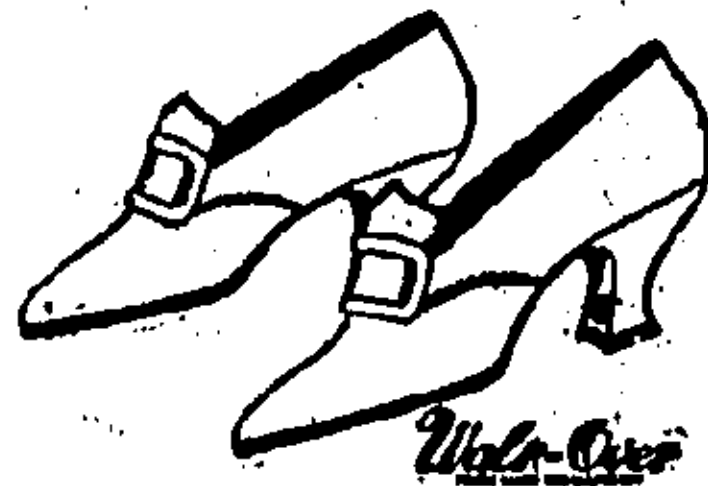


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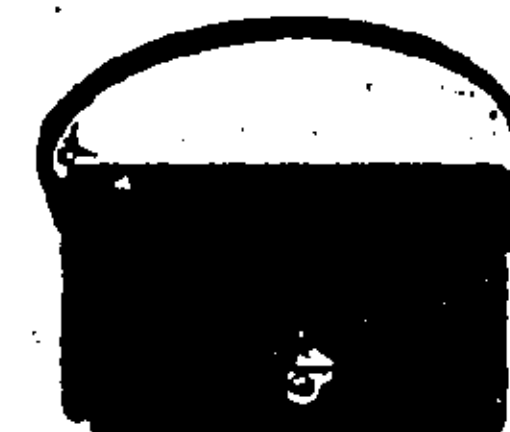


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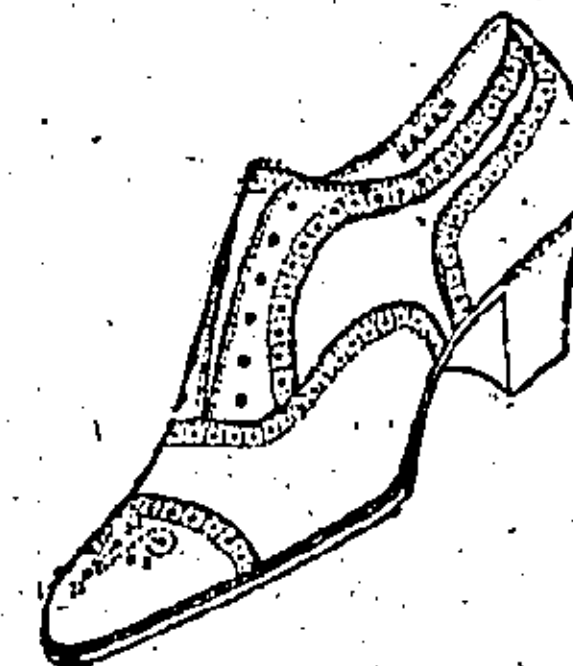
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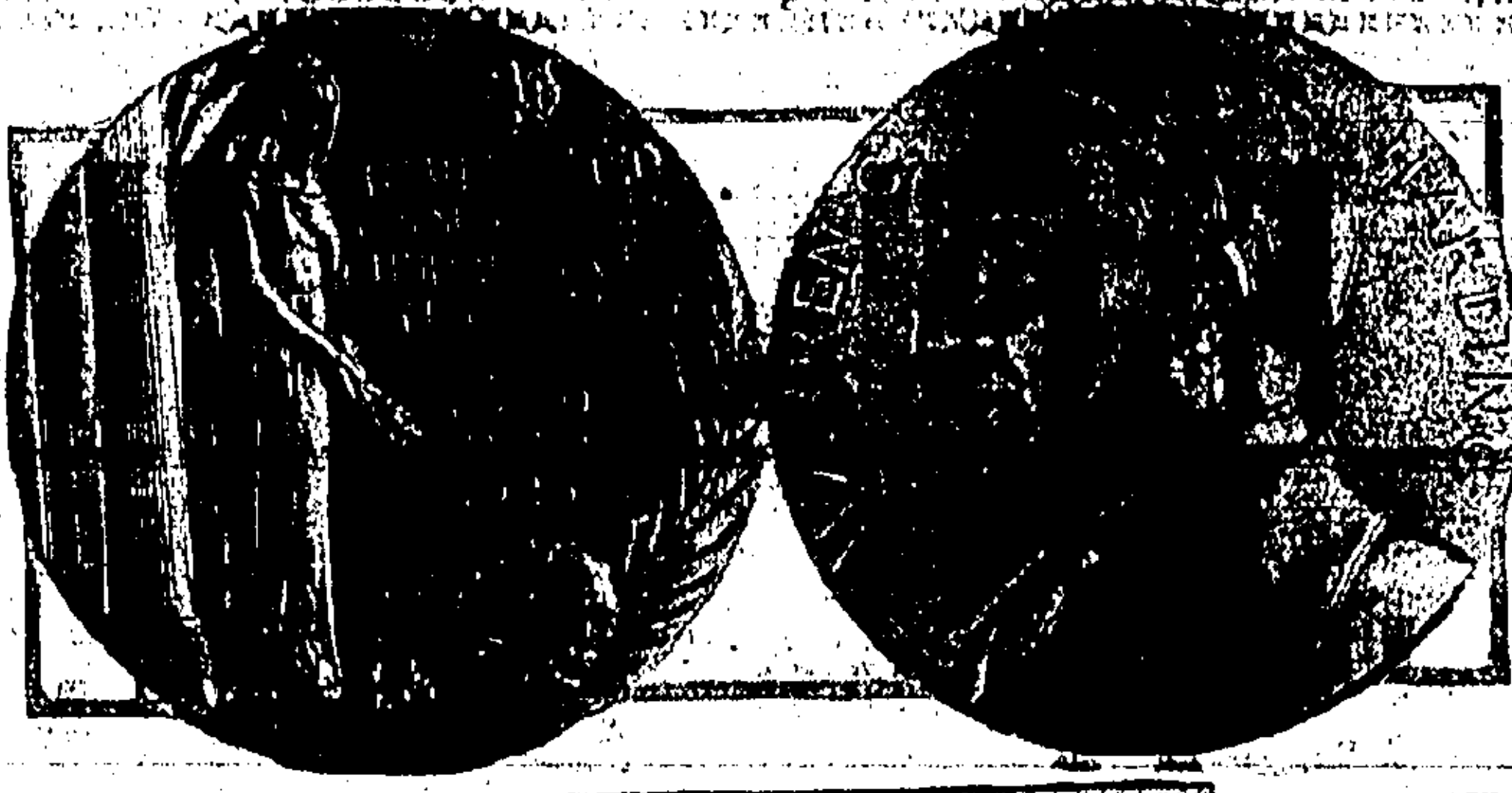
Hotel Buildings.

Pedder Street.



Old woman cutting her nails.

Above is the famous painting, "Old Woman Cutting Her Nails," hanging in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and attributed to Rembrandt. It is the best of the 17 paintings in the museum which are attributed to the famous master. Prof. John C. Van Dyke, of Rutgers College, after a study of 50 years, now declares not one of the paintings is by Rembrandt, adding there is not an original Rembrandt in America. The museum authorities deride his statement.



Harding Memorial Medal.

Above are the obverse and reverse sides of the Harding Memorial Medal, now being struck off at the United States Mint. The medals will be placed on public sale soon. This is the first photograph either of a sketch or of the completed medal.



W. D. Stokes.

On charges preferred by his wife, Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, W. D. Stokes, multi-millionaire, has been indicted by a Grand Jury for alleged subornation of perjury. Stokes, who is suing his wife for divorce, is alleged to have bribed underworld characters to swear Mrs. Stokes was once an inmate of the notorious Everleigh Club, in Chicago.



H. J. Daley, President, and Casey Wood, K. C., Director of the Home Bank of Toronto, have been arrested there in connection with the failure of the big financial institution.



Miss Rube Reed, 22, New York City artist's model and former member of the Scandals' chorus, has filed suit for \$50,000 for damages she alleges she received while motoring with Ben Shinkman.



Mr. & Mrs. Alex Kels.

When the burned automobile of Alex Kels, wealthy Lodi cattleman, was found near his home and a charred body was found in it, it was believed Kels had been killed by robbers and his carried. The body was buried, and Kels was mourned by his many friends. But the insurance company knew Kels had eaten sardines just before his "death," and an autopsy showed no sardines in the dead man's body. A quiet police search ended in the arrest of Kels, who confessed he murdered an unidentified man and burned his body so his wife could collect \$100,000 insurance. His wife, an expectant mother, has not been told her husband is alive.



John Hays Hammond, world-famous engineer, was prominently mentioned as the possible successor of Col. George Harvey when the latter retires as Ambassador to Great Britain on January 1, 1924.



Israel Zangwill, world-famous novelist, has returned to America, after an extended stay in Europe, where he is a leader in the Zionist movement.



Mrs. Myrtle Schauder.

Mrs. Myrtle Schauder, of Whitewater, is shown here with her baby, one of the four children she is alleged to have attempted to kill with poisoned candy in order to get them out of the way of her romance with another man. She has admitted that she caused the death of her husband by poisoned candy for the same reason.



W. D. McBee is the leader of the anti-Walton faction in the Oklahoma Legislature, and is the man who advised the "rebel legislature" to convene in Oklahoma City in an effort to impeach Governor Walton, the meeting being forbidden by Governor Walton with orders to the State troops to shoot to kill, if necessary. Adjutant-General Baird H. Markham, commander of the Oklahoma National Guard, is the officer to whom this order is said to have been given.

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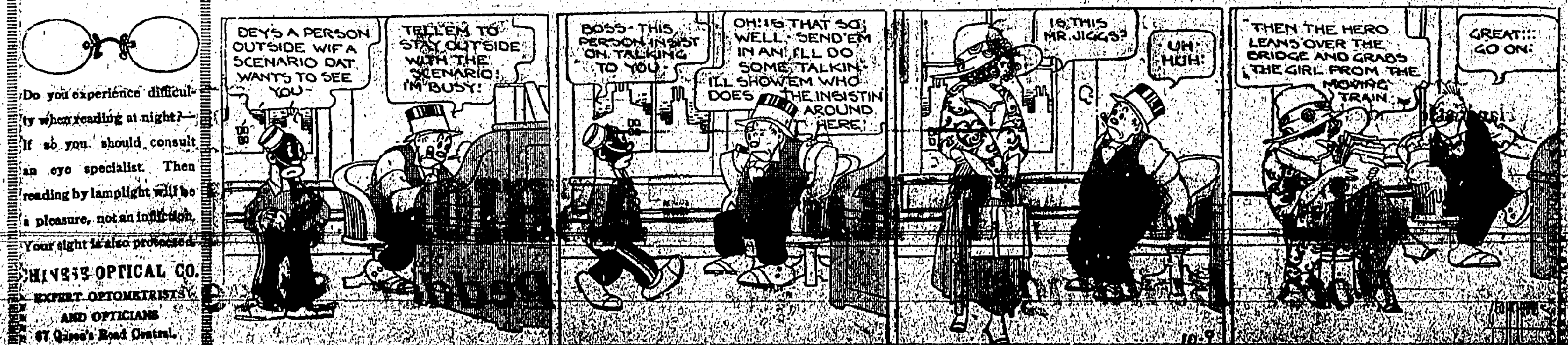


For the first time in history, troops have been transported by aeroplane from one part of a battlefield for emergency use in another. The latest method of troop movement was introduced by the United States Marine Corps manoeuvres in Virginia, when huge Martin bombers carried the men, their arms and equipment to a section of the battlefield where the "enemy" was about to break through.



Chief Gunner George Bradley, has just received from President Coolidge the Congressional Medal of Honour for courage beyond the call of duty. It was bestowed upon him for extreme courage in landing an amphibious landing under terrific fire at Vera Cruz, when the Mexican city was occupied by the Navy in 1914. Bradley was then a member of the crew of the U. S. S. "Utah."

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